



**PARK AND RECREATION
COMMISSION
2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 414
Arlington, Virginia 22201**

Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2021

****Due to the Countywide precautions taken during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting was held virtually on Microsoft Teams.***

Commission Members Present:

Bill Ross, Chair
Nia Bagley (Ex Officio, Planning Commission Liaison)
Gerald Brandt (APS Staff Liaison)
Jill Barker
Sarah Baryluk
Sergio Enriquez
Steve Finn
Dean Foster
Colt Gregory
David Howell
Neal Hunter
Cindy Krech
Shruti Kuppa, Vice Chair
Mark Lincoln
Drew Murray (Ex Officio, Sports Commission Liaison)

Guests:

Christer Ahl
Natasha Atkins
Mike Dowell
Carol Fuller
Pamela Van Hine
Andrew Van Horn
Kedrick Whitmore

County Staff:

Marco Rivero, Principal Planner, PRC Staff Liaison
Ryan Delaney, Principal Planner, DPR
Bernadette Grullón, Landscape Architect Supervisor, DPR
Olivia Sontag, Associate Planner, CPHD

PRC members not in attendance:

Michael Grace
Julie Mullen

Chairman's Introduction and Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes

PRC Chair, Bill Ross provided a brief introduction and PRC Staff Liaison, Marco Rivero reviewed details associated with Microsoft Teams. This also included specifying that this would be the first recorded meeting of the PRC.

The Commission considered its January 19, 2021 Park and Recreation Commission (PRC) meeting minutes. With no objections, the Commission approved the minutes as presented.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided. Public comment for the PRC regular agenda item "Update on Crystal City Water Park Site Plan Amendment" was taken after the applicant's presentation of this discussion item.

Agenda Items

Discussion on Hardscape and Construction Considerations on Public Space Projects

Bernadette Grullón, DPR, provided a presentation on design, hardscape and construction considerations on public spaces for County public space projects (specifically those for outdoor recreational facilities and parks).

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Design decisions and the process involved when designing for different amenities or features needed for public space projects.
- Surfacing provides opportunities for play and connectivity and much of these discussions happen during the community engagement process and planning. There are also budgetary considerations/impacts that must be reviewed.
- The bioretention areas within the various County parks is a welcomed amenity. The paved areas underneath actually capture runoff.
- Accessibility needs and what is needed to achieve this. The law requires that a minimum of proposed park amenities need to be accessible; however, not all amenities need to be accessible. The pathway to the accessible amenity must also meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements for accessibility.
- Requirements for on-site, stormwater management. Ms. Grullón specified that stormwater management is mandated by County Ordinance. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality requires that localities enforce state requirements and that the local ordinances should supplement the state requirements. First exposure to County parks for stormwater management ordinance(s) implementation trails back as far as the early 2000s (or before). The requirements applicable are dependent on location, size, and other components (if a project is within a Resource Protection Area (RPA), there are other requirements as well). There are monetary and physical impacts to the County's various projects and that designs can be adequately treated and enjoyed. Bioretention facilities for example bring more greenery in to the space and create stormwater management opportunities.
- The incorporation of biophilic components within park and other public space projects. Ms. Grullón stated that staff is educating themselves further on biophilic principles and

how to best incorporate them within proposed park and public spaces, while also communicating these goals accordingly with the community.

Update on the Livability22202 Open Space Report

Mike Dowell and Carol Fuller, Livability22202, provided a presentation and update on the Livability22202 Open Space Report. Four major topics that came out of the public space/open space discussions: connecting residents to various public spaces (from Arlington Ridge to Long Bridge Park), re-envisioning Virginia Highlands Park, holistic planning for Crystal City Park, as well as establishing a natural/pedestrian connection to Roaches Run. Presenters provided greater details on all points.

Commissioner comments included but were not limited to the following:

- Really happy with the level of public engagement in the 22202-development process.
- How is the group engaging younger residents/millennials within the area? The civic associations and the Livability22202 group have been engaging with younger community members and reaching out accordingly through various methods.
- Supportive of a possible connection to Roaches Run and possibly acquiring property from JBG Smith in order to begin the discussions to coordinate a connectivity effort for this area.
- There are many great ideas coming from this group that are worth investigating further.
- Roaches Run and establishing a trail there would be a great opportunity, could it function as a connection to the Mt. Vernon Trail, the Water Park, or other connecting points? The Crystal City Heights Study is moving forward, and that effort may influence what may be possible when bringing this idea to fruition. There is diverse ownership of the area in question, and within the workshop the goal was to go through a formal planning process in order to discuss further what may be accommodated for trails and pedestrian connectivity.
- There is further coordination needed with the National Park Service (NPS), Arlington County, private developers, and other stakeholders when exploring these ideas.

Update on Crystal City Water Park Site Plan Amendment [JBG Smith] (8:00-8:40)

Representatives from JBG Smith and its contracted design team were present during this meeting. Kedrick Whitmore, Venable, provided a presentation and update on behalf of the development team.

Community Comments and PRC Discussion:

- Community Comments
 - **Pamela Van Hine, Pedestrian Advisory Commission (PAC):** Asked about the clear zone width for the sidewalk (11-foot or 10-foot clear zone). The applicant responded that the 11 feet is inclusive of the shy zone and that there would be a 10-foot clear zone proposed. Expansion of the planting zone will also be investigated further and coordinated accordingly with County standards.
 - **Carol Fuller, Crystal City Civic Association (CCCA):** Appreciated the opportunity to review the proposed design/space and that the activated kiosks may

- complement the updated amenities within the area. The surrounding communities have been involved with discussing this space for some time now.
- **Christer Ahl, Crystal City Citizen Review Council (CCCRC):** The need for kiosks was discussed further within this space, but the discussion should be more about the future generation of activity within this area. Happy to support this item when it comes back to the County Board. The different form for the waterfall to a more natural feature is a good comment made by the PRC.
 - **Natasha Atkins, Aurora Highlands Civic Association (AHCA):** New construction should meet a higher standard than just the minimum standard that is allowed for planting strips. More than 600 cubic feet of soil is the bare minimum. Considering how many mature trees are being lost, the applicant should set a higher bar for increasing the number of trees that will be provided at this site. Tree species should be discussed further to see what may survive best within this area with all of the hardscape that is being proposed.
- PRC Discussion
 - Agree with Ms. Atkins on the higher standard for tree canopy and spacing. (1) Separation and designation of different uses can be designated by using strips of permeable pavers (use for function and natural purposes) to help delineate what is space for bicycle, standing, walking, and other potential uses. Planting strips may be used as wayfinding and for water absorption purposes. (2) Can the design incorporate more curved angles for tree beds and pathways as opposed to right angles? Clear and safe paths may be achieved by including more organic shapes. This should be considered as part of the final design and to help naturalize the space. (3) Water wall should have a more naturalized design. This may include providing more rocky borders and cascading waterfalls which would be more effective and enhance the entire space.
 - Regarding the front area that is designed as the landscaped barrier at the front of the park. Is the 5-foot barrier going to run the entire length of the park? Will the concrete walk contrast with the existing walkway material that exists there today? The applicant noted that the County has specific requirements for laying concrete and connectivity. The planter strip will run most of the way along Crystal Drive, and these details will be finalized further as part of the final civil/landscape plan review process.
 - Where are most of the new trees being planted? The applicant noted that existing trees being proposed to be removed and proposed trees to implement were shared accordingly.

Staff Report

No additional updates were provided.

15th Street Park – No Updates

Staff has begun early internal discussions regarding easements for future parks, both temporary and permanent, related to a future site plan and street redesign.

2020 Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award

- Nominations closed Fri., Feb. 5
- Three nominations were received:
 - Ann Marie Douglass
 - Glenn Tobin

- Quarry Shade and Sunny Demonstration Extension Master Gardener Leaders (Carolyn Vincent, Dina Lehmann, Karen Smith, Tom Golojuch, Joe Kelly and Kate Donohue)

4MRV – Jennie Dean Park

Construction has started on the park and will continue through the year. Construction is anticipated to last 9-10 months and the park should re-open 3rd Quarter of 2021. This month will see the installation of tree protection and sediment and erosion control measures and site and building demolition.

705 31st Street South (adjacent to Fort Scott Park) – No Updates

House is boarded up and rodent controls are in place. The house will be placed on the regular site mowing schedule.

APS Projects

- **Dorothy Hamm Middle School (formerly H-B Woodlawn Secondary School and location of the former Stratford Program, now Eunice Shriver Program)**
 - APS is finishing the three-story addition and the renovations to the existing school.
 - The athletic field used by both the school and organized sports teams has some work remaining on it before it will be accepted by the County.
 - The interpretive panels along the history trail will be installed in April.
 - For additional details on the status of the project see [Dorothy Hamm MS](#) where APS posts construction updates.
- **Education Center Reuse**
 - APS started construction of the [building renovations](#) on January 4, 2021.
 - The contractor has been working on demolition throughout the building.
 - In the coming month, the project team will be occupying the entire project site which will impact the sidewalks along General's Way and parking spots in the VDOT parking garage.
 - Completion of the project is anticipated in early December 2021.
- **Elementary School at Reed Building**
 - Building structure is topped out and is close to being fully enclosed. The exterior skin is in progress.
 - See APS progress reports on their [webpage](#).
 - The school will be completed for the 2021 – 2022 school year.
 - The County is collaborating with APS to install a stormwater management facility under the athletic fields adjacent to the school. These fields will remain closed due to the construction of the SWM facility when APS opens the school next year.

Ballston Pond Retrofit/Beaver Pond Park Improvements

- Next steps are to complete purchasing process and to obtain construction bids.
 - Early 2021 – Preparation of bid documents.
 - May – Anticipate County Board consideration of a construction contract.
 - July - Estimated start of construction

Benjamin Banneker Park Improvements

- Park opened late December
- Parking lot and playground pathway asphalt to be redone during spring.

Bluemont Park (Neighborhood Conservation Project)

Invasive plant management treatments continued into Fall 2020. The entrance to Bluemont Park at the 1st Street North entrance was planted late November. Park signage and benches have been installed by PNR staff. Deer cages for the new trees will be installed in the coming months to prevent deer browse. Re-naturalization signage has been received and will be placed on the edges of areas where invasive plant removal has occurred.

Crystal City Water Park

JBG Smith has applied for a minor site plan amendment to add retail area and redesign the existing Crystal City Water Park. The applicant hosted their own community outreach process and amended their proposal based on those comments, as well as staff comments. As part of the agreement, the applicant is granting a public access easement for portions of the Crystal City Water Park that are not occupied by proposed retail and other privately-owned structures. The County Board originally considered this item at its January 2021 meeting, but voted to defer this item until March 2021, so the applicant could address and clarify various plan discrepancies and proposed changes (including but not limited to: proposed VRE connection(s), tree canopy/landscaping considerations, sidewalk widths, retail viability, etc.). The applicant presented this item to the Pedestrian Advisory Committee on February 10, 2021, and a presentation to the PRC will occur at its next meeting.

Forestry and Natural Resources Plan – No Updates

The Forestry and Natural Resources Plan online engagement closed on Dec. 23. The three categories: Nature in Arlington, Natural Areas and Tree Canopy resulted in 1,081 total responses from 576 individuals. Engagement continues through February with stakeholder interviews. This Spring the vendor will begin creating a draft outline of the plan, engagement will resume in the late-summer, early-fall for the draft plan outline. The development of this plan is an 18-month long process with the goal of going before the County Board by May 2022.

Fort Scott Park Restroom and Parking Lot Renovation – No Updates

- Renovation to include interior and exterior improvements to the restroom, repaving of the parking lot, and ADA access.
- Planning to start construction 1st Quarter 2021

Gunston Park Enclosed Athletic Facility – No Updates

- Consultant architects (MTFA) are working on construction documents for a replacement structure for the Bubble, which is expected to have a metal frame with canvas cover.
- Restrooms are included and will be renovated to meet permitting requirements
- Currently updating plans to include restrooms for resubmittal to permitting.
- Project construction anticipated to start 2nd Quarter 2021.

Highlands Urban Garden – No Updates

- The temporary demonstration garden in Virginia Highlands Park, next to the tennis practice court, is being managed and maintained by the [Arlington Friends of Urban Agriculture](#) in partnership with Livability 22202 and Arlington County. It showcases modular, low-impact design principles, sustainable water management practices, and incorporates smart technology to collect agriculture metrics (daily solar exposure, temperature, moisture and soil health).
- For more information [Highlands Urban Garden](#).

John Robinson Jr. Town Square

Installation of the site irrigation on-going. Grading site in preparation for plaza concrete.

Installation of colored concrete is complete. There were 11-pallets of boulders selected. The contractor has been informed to pick those up and deliver to the site. Installation of additional light pole bases and steppingstones on-going. Installation of the rebar at the stage, concrete to be poured this week. Deck mock-up is complete.

Long Bridge Park Aquatic Center

- Site Work Esplanade stainless steel railing and pavers being installed at the East entrance to the building out towards the esplanade. Trees and shrubs have been planted in the Drive Aisle/Parking lot Islands. Irrigation and topsoil have been placed. Main entrance sign foundation has started.
- Ceiling tiles and finishes continue within the interior. Finish painting, interior is being completed. Deck Tile at the 50M pool has been completed. Play equipment and sprayers installed at the Leisure pool.
- General cleanup of the interior is ongoing as the GC preps for flooring, concrete finishes, mill work and cabinetry installation.
- Communication, Audio/Visual, security infrastructure coordination and installation work continue.

Mosaic Park – No Updates

Dominion, Verizon and Comcast started their utility work inside the park. Park-goers must adhere to the appropriate CDC and County guidelines on use during the COVID pandemic. Certain parts of the park may remain closed, pending on that guidance at the time of completion of the park. As the construction comes to an end, the remaining park features will become available. These include an interactive water feature, two circular play elements, two dynamic urban plazas and additional site lighting. Learn more about what to expect by visiting the Mosaic Park project [webpage](#).

New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive (former “Teardrop Parcels”)

A public engagement process has kicked off for the 0.9-acre public space known as the New Park at South Eads Street and Army Navy Drive (formerly known as the “Teardrop Parcels”). This project is adjacent to the existing Altaire residential building and planned 400 11th Street South, LCOR residential building in Crystal City. The kickoff, virtual engagement opportunity focused on visioning was launched on September 30 and continued until October 14. The second virtual engagement opportunity presented three (3) proposed, park design options to the community (The Meander, The Canal Walk, and The Central Hub). This engagement opportunity was launched on December 28 and will continue through January 15. A third engagement opportunity to comment on the final draft concept design is scheduled to launch at the end of February or early March.

Oakland Park – No Updates

Contractor tested the manual operation of the irrigation system with PNR and PNR staff will operate manually until the electrical is connected. Currently working with the electrician and Dominion Energy to get pricing for the electrical service. Winterization to take place by the County’s PNR Staff.

Programs in the Park Engages Thousands of Arlingtonians – No Updates

Starting in July amidst myriad COVID-19-related cancellations and closures, Programs in the Park has served as a lifeline for residents looking to stay active. With over 600 in-person programs welcoming 5,000 people to date, these inclusive activities range from fitness classes, preschool playdates, hikes, arts and crafts and lots more and are designed for all - from tots to seniors. Look for this initiative to continue into 2021. View the [Programs in the Park online calendar](#).

Rosslyn Highlands Park – No Updates

Penzance continues construction of the Rosslyn Highlands Park, Fire Station #10 and 1555 Wilson Blvd site. The Fire Station is anticipated to be completed summer 2021. The park is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2021.

Rosslyn Highlands Park Playground

- Construction is underway on the playground.
- Concrete footers and walls will be installed this month.
- Anticipate completion by the end of 2021.

Site Plan Review

- **2050 Wilson Blvd. (Courthouse Landmark Block)**
 - SPRC review of the plan was completed on December 7, 2020.
The site is within the Courthouse Square Sector Plan Addendum plan. Proposed is a mixed-use development with 418 residential units in a 20-story building consisting of:
 - 17,000 sf of retail space on the ground floor
 - 221 parking spaces located in a below-grade parking garage
 - A public pedestrian promenade along N. Uhle Street
 - The plan will go to the Planning Commission and the County Board in March 2021.
- **Potomac Yard Land Bay C – East**
 - Two residential towers, with ground-level retail
 - Building heights range from 11 to 14 stories proposed
 - 488 Total Residential units
 - Allow for conversion of previously approved office GFA to residential GFA
 - Separate Land Bay C into “East” and “West” final site plans.
 - Modifications requested for reduced residential and hotel parking ratio and other modifications as needed.
 - Second SPRC engagement is planned for March 1st, 2021.
- **Ames Center (1820 Fort Myer Dr.)**
 - Approved by the County Board on January 23rd, 2021.
- **RCA Site (1901 N. Moore St.)**
 - Rezone from C-O and S-3A to C-O Rosslyn w/ 10.0 FAR
 - Construct 26 story mixed use building with 423 residential units and ground floor retail.
 - Site Plan infrastructure and improvements include:
 - Removal of the existing skywalk and loop roads surrounding the site
 - Community benefits package for additional density
 - Utility fund contribution
 - Streetscape improvements
 - Public art contribution
 - Affordable housing contribution
 - LEED certification
 - First Virtual SPRC is planned for February 11th, 2021
- **Crystal Plaza Block M, Long Range Planning Committee Review (LRPC) 2000/2001 S. Bell St. and 223 23rd St/2250 Crystal Drive (Crystal Plaza’s 1 and 5 potential site plan applications)**

- The first LRPC meeting occurred on September 10 via Microsoft Teams.
 - Three Major (Block Plan) issues consistently highlighted by the community included: (1) Street Network/Circulation; (2) Open Space; and (3) Underground Connection
 - Other Issues (which are site specific) may be more appropriate for SPRC discussion:
 - Architectural Features
 - Retail Frontages
 - Built-to-Lines
 - Loading and Vehicular Access
 - Second LRPC meeting occurred on October 19, where the topics above were discussed in greater detail. Public space discussion concentrated mainly on the delivery of public spaces (interim and permanent), the amount of public space proposed, characterization of “open spaces” and “passageway” on Open Space #8 (not double-counting sq. ft. for these features), among other points.
 - Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) review (first online engagement) for Crystal Plaza 1 site plan launched in late December and continued through January 11. The second SPRC meeting will be a live (virtual) meeting on February 18, 2021.
- **PenPlace (block bound by Army Navy Drive, 12th Street South, South Fern Street, and South Eads Street; formerly 550 Army Navy Drive) NEW**
 - The next phase of Amazon’s HQ2 is a proposed redevelopment of the PenPlace block in Pentagon City. The applicants, Acorn LLC and JBG Smith, acting as Amazon’s development consultant, submitted a proposed site plan application on February 2, 2021.
 - The proposal includes approximately 3.3 million square feet divided across four buildings.
 - Three 22-story office buildings with ground floor retail
 - One destination- and amenity-focused building called “The Helix,” a unique biophilic double helix structure with plantings native to the Mid-Atlantic region.
 - In addition, the proposal includes a 2.5-acre public space, detached retail pavilions, and underground vehicular access. Specific details of the public space will be evaluated through a Park Master Plan (PMP) process occurring concurrently with the site plan review.
 - The proposed development would supersede the approved plan for Pen Place adopted by the County Board in 2013.
 - The application will require:
 - Pentagon City Phased Development Site Plan (PDSP) Amendment
 - Revised PenPlace Design Guidelines
 - Site Plan Amendment to incorporate the Residence Inn by Marriott property
 - New Site Plan for proposed development of Pen Place (capturing all phases)
 - Amended PenPlace Open Space Design Guidelines Addendum (originally approved July 2014) with a park master planning process for the updated public space design.

South Glebe Dominion Energy Substation NEW

- Dominion Energy (Dominion) is planning to replace their substation existing chain link fence with a 15-foot, high security fence with bollards placed outside the fence. The fence line along their southern perimeter is adjacent to Four Mile Run Trail and Four Mile Run Park.
- As part of this project, Dominion and the County will resolve two encroachment issues along their shared boundary. Dominion will apply for an Ordinance of Encroachment from the County to address a section of their existing fence which extends into County

property. The County will request a license agreement in perpetuity from Dominion to allow Four Mile Run Trail to remain within a small area of the Dominion Property.

- These requests will be taken to the Board in the spring.

Temporary Uses – No Updates

In collaboration with 2 community groups in the Aurora Highlands and Rosslyn neighborhoods, DPR will be working on developing 2 temporary spaces: a temporary dog park in Gateway Park and a temporary dog run in Virginia Highlands Park. As these improvements were not planned for in the County’s Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) or the Operating Budget, this partnership will provide private funding of these temporary amenities.

- The public engagement for the interim dog park at Gateway is complete and the feedback is posted to the project page. The project was approved by the Director of DPR. An email notification was sent to people who signed up for project updates. Construction has begun and is expected to finish in 2nd Quarter 2021.
- The public engagement for the interim dog run in Virginia Highlands Park is complete and the feedback is posted on the project page. The project was approved by the Director of DPR and an email notification was sent to people who signed up for project updates. Construction will begin once the Donation and Collaboration Agreement is finalized and the funds are transferred to the County. Lighting the interim dog run will be evaluated after it has been operational for at least 1-year, further site evaluations will be performed, and additional public input has been gathered.
- The recently adopted, scaled-down one-year CIP, identifies \$500,000 to upgrade a portion of the right-of-way at S. Clark and Bell Street in Crystal City for temporary use as a public space. Staff will be developing a public engagement approach when the funding becomes available. The PSMP (Action 1.10) calls for enhancing public spaces with temporary uses and ‘pop-up’ programming, and these projects are in line with that recommendation.

Towers Park Playground Renovations – No Updates

- Currently with Purchasing for ITB draft
- Anticipated summer 2021 construction start.

Urban Forestry Office Updates:

- The Forestry and Natural Resources Plan has completed its first public engagement. Focus group interviews are being performed now. Find out more at <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/fnrp/>
- Tree maintenance staff are continuing to work on incoming tree maintenance requests. Staff is in catch-up mode, to address outstanding issues from the summer.
- Staff is working on Jennie Dean and Zitkala-Sa parks from initial reviews to final inspections. Long Bridge park’s tree replacement was completed on Pentagon grounds, with 500 trees being planted. Inspections for the on-site tree planting will commence soon.
- New site plans are being reviewed for tree impact and planting potential. Two projects with potentially high tree impact are the Crystal City Water Park and Pen Place projects. The Pen Place project will be demolishing the Marriott building on the ground before the full engagement starts.
- Fire station 8 is being reviewed for tree impact and planting.
- The Columbia Pike realignment for Arlington National Cemetery is being reviewed for tree planting opportunities and conflicts.
- Tree planting planning for the Spring is underway. We anticipate planting more trees in parks for the Spring season.

Wi-Fi Available in Arlington Parks

With the temporary closure of our community centers during the COVID-19 pandemic, Arlington Wireless Wi-Fi has been added to several of our Arlington parks and outside of select centers to continue to provide this ever-important amenity to our residents. You can find Wi-Fi access at these DPR locations:

- Barcroft Sports & Fitness Center
- Carver Community Center
- Charles Drew Community Center
- Fairlington Park (patio area)
- Langston-Brown Community Center & Park
- Lubber Run Park
- Madison Community Center
- Oakland Park
- Thomas Jefferson Community Center
- Virginia Highlands Park
- Walter Reed Community Center

Learn more about Wi-Fi access and locations [here](#).

Zitkala-Ša Park (Formerly Henry Clay Park)

- Contractor installed the waterproofing material at the urban bio-retention. Concrete walkways being formed around the site.
- Concrete walkways being formed around the site. Grading around the site to be confirmed between the basketball court and the 2 to 5-year-old play area. Grading around the site is currently taking place. Irrigation to be installed this week.

The County Board approved renaming the park to Zitkala-Ša Park on December 12, 2020. Entrance signs for the park have been ordered and will be installed in the spring.

Commission Member Reports

RED = Text added at PRC meeting.

- 55+ (Dean Foster)
 - *There was an hour-long program on the Arlington Independent Media (AIM) TV channel (channel 38 on Verizon) last week "Untold: Stories of Black Arlington" hosted by Wilma Jones, a long-time resident of Hall's Hill in Arlington. This particular program in the series of Untold episodes told of the history of the "Negro Recreation Section" of the Arlington County DPR which was established in 1948 and operated within DPR until 1963 when racial integration finally arrived in Arlington's park and recreation activities and programs. Ms. Jones interviewed several black participants (obviously 55+ in age) who were active in the segregated program-many of whom were tutored and instructed by Earnest Johnson who was the section director and also a remarkable civic leader and mentor to the youth of that time.*
 - *If you ever have the opportunity to see this program, I highly recommend it. It is a real eye opener and is relevant to several issues our PRC deals with today, such as the naming and history of some of the parks and other recreational facilities in the predominantly black areas of the County.*
- Alcova Heights (Colt Gregory)
 - *No Issues in this reporting period.*
- Arlington Public Schools (APS) (Gerald Brandt)
 - *Career Center – project is currently on hold.*

- *The Heights – A study is currently being performed for that area. APS has not been advised when the firehouse will be relocated and there currently isn't funding for a project or a timeline. How that area will be utilized is TBD.*
- *Reed – Phase 1 will be completed along with school and phase 2 will follow completion of school. APS is currently in the process of finalizing the MOA with the County for Phase 2.*
- Bill Thomas Park Volunteer Award (Neal Hunter/Dean Foster)
 - *Three nominations have been received and the selection committee is forming. The commission will vote on the nominees at its March meeting.*
 - *Full selection committee has been established, and the nominating materials should be distributed by tomorrow. The selection is to be completed before the March 16 PRC meeting.*
- Clarendon Sector Plan Update (Steve Finn)
 - *The 3d online engagement closes on Feb. 22. The presentation may be found at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hlr_UUTfb1k*
 - *The 2d virtual LRPC is on Mar. 3. Information is available at the Clarendon Sector Plan Update Homepage at: <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/clarendon-sector-plan-update/>*
- Community Energy Plan Implementation (Jill Barker)
- Courthouse West Special GLUP Study (Sarah Baryluk/David Howell)
 - *This was a unique meeting for Arlington. There has not been a lot of recent history on guidance for this area. It is the property east of the Whole Foods.*
- Crystal City Building Heights Study (Shruti Kuppa)
- Crystal City Citizen Review Council (Shruti Kuppa)
- Field Fund Working Group (Steve Finn)
 - *There was no meeting of the FFWG in the last month. The drafting of the FFWG report/proposal is ongoing. I would note that the online feedback period for the DPR Athletic Field Availability and Utilization study is open until Feb. 25. Information is available at: <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/athletic-field-availability-and-utilization/>*
- Forestry and Natural Resources Commission (David Howell)
 - *The January meeting of the Forestry and Natural Resources Commission included four agenda items. 1) A presentation by Richard Dooley, DES, on the current public engagement draft of the Community Energy Plan Implementation Framework. This was the same presentation as was provided to PRC a few days before. 2) Continued discussion by commissioners on issues relating to concern about plans, resources and results for NOVA Parks stewardship of its natural lands in Arlington. Letter content was discussed, and it is anticipated that a letter to the County Board about these concerns will be approved at the February meeting. 3) An update by Vincent Verweij, Urban Forest Manager, on the activities and impacts of ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units) since approval of that program. 4) An overview by Verweij and discussion about proposed State legislation under consideration in this session to provide expanded authority to local jurisdictions to preserve tree canopy.*
- Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update (Colt Gregory)
- Four Mile Run Joint Task Force (David Howell)
- Gulf Branch Stream Restoration (Colt Gregory)

- *No issues in this reporting period.*
- Jennie Dean Park, Phase 1 Update (Colt Gregory)
 - *No Issues in the reporting period.*
 - *Update as per staff report: Construction has started on the park and will continue through the winter and into next year.*
- Long Bridge Park Advisory Committee (Bill Ross)
- Natural Resources Joint Advisory Group (NRJAG) (Howell/Gregory/Barker)
 - *Forestry and Natural Resources Plan Update - David Farner reported that the County has received ~ 1100 responses (~600 individuals) to the FNRP public engagement effort. The first draft plan will emerge in Spring/Summer timeframe. It is an iterative process with several opportunities to comment.*
 - *NRJAG received presentation on the Visitor Use Management and Trail Use given by Jeffery Marion (USGS Recreational Ecologist). This was result of a 3-yr. study of the Appalachian Trail. Also studied our local area Billy Goat trail where 151 informal trails were counted. Found informal trail creation can have adverse effects on the trails and plant ecosystems. Stressed use of Adaptive Management Approach. Much Q&A centered on issue of mountain biking in Arlington parks. Public comment was received on this issue.*
- Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) (Vacant)
- Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) (Neal Hunter)
 - *There was a discussion given by the PAC and a presentation surrounding Vision Zero progress and the draft plan for Arlington County's Vision Zero. [ACVZ Winter 2021](#) the progress towards vision zero will incorporate parts of the county and adding additional areas that are also of interest to the PRC, those details will be provided when they are brought up in meetings.*
- Plan Lee Highway (Cindy Krech/Julie Mullen)
 - *Plan Lee Highway coordinators Paul Holland and Sandi Chesrown will attend the April PRC meeting to review the project and discuss with the commission land acquisition and other open space opportunities.*
- Public Spaces Master Plan (PSMP) Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) (Bill Ross/Sergio Enriquez)
 - *Public online engagement concerning field availability and assumptions is currently taking place.*
- Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) (Sergio Enriquez)
 - *David and Bill have been reviewing the most recent plans for the ART bus facility in Four Mile Run.*
- Site Plan Review Committee (Bill Ross)
 - 1901 N. Moore St. – RCA Building (Dean Foster)
 - *The first meeting of the SPRC occurred on February 11th. The SPRC reviewed and discussed the on-line engagement comments and topics from January. Of relevance to the PRC is that the applicant recognized the importance of an appropriate connection between the building and the Gateway Park across the street will consider and work with staff to determine the best way to ensure enhancements to the park as a part of its community benefits package. The developer also is exploring the use of bird-friendly glass for*

those portions of the building facade that are most vulnerable to collision due to bird migration along the Potomac River between the heights of eight feet and thirty-six feet on the north elevation and wrapping around the corner of N. Lynn St. The architect also paid homage to the biophilic aspects of the design pointing out among other items including the green roof design that the open, treed area beneath the skywalk will make use of dappled outdoor natural lighting available to nearly all the units and an effort is being made to keep as much of the building as feasible in natural light. The next SPRC meeting will be on March 4th.

- 2001 S. Clark St. – Crystal Plaza 1 (Colt Gregory)
 - *JBG Smith Project - Proposed re-development of an existing office building into 2 residential towers with ground-floor retail. A 9,700 sq. ft. green space noted in the Sector Plan as Park #8 is absent from the developer proposal. PRC concerns center on the possibility that this planned for green space could disappear as other private developer needs and wants to press the County with their own requirements. Moving forward into the Site Planning Process the JBGS redesign removes 9,700 square feet of open green space and substitutes 5,200 SF. of privately-owned public space for a pedestrian passageway.*
 - *In the upcoming Site Planning Review Commission meeting is on Feb 18th 7pm.*

- 2050 Wilson Blvd – Courthouse Landmark Block (Bill Ross, Neal Hunter)
- Crystal City Water Park (Bill Ross)
 - *The commission will review the plans at its February 16 meeting. The County Board will take up the proposal at its March meeting.*

- Fort Henry Gardens (David Howell)
- Park Shirlington (Dean Foster)
 - *Park Shirlington consists of two parcels of land with a total of 294 residential units divided by 31st St. South. At its January meeting, the county board gave notice of intent to exercise an option to purchase the southern parcel of land containing 105 residential housing units to ensure the units remain affordable. The county will continue to explore options for preserving the affordability of the 189 units on the northern parcel. The developer, Standard Foundation Park Shirlington, by August 1, 2021, is to repay a \$6 million loan from the AHIF which enabled the developer to purchase the property. Any previous development proposal by the developer for the property will not be moving forward.*

- PenPlace Phase I (Shruti Kuppa)
- Potomac Yard Land Bay East (David Howell/Sarah Baryluk)

- Sparrow Pond Restoration Project (David Howell)
- Sports Commission (Mark Lincoln/Steve Finn)

Other Business

- Forestry and Natural Resources Plan (FNRP) Discussion

- Commissioner Gregory provided an update on the FNRP and the current process. Currently this process is in the data collection phase. There may be further discussion on what the new plan should include in terms of goals and approaches. A draft of the plan has not been provided yet, but staff will be working on that accordingly and sharing with the community when it is ready.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.